of it. I had the privilege of meeting Mr. Gast and seeing his greenhouses, and hearing at first hand about his work.

It was worth several years' dues in the A. H. S. to get the name of Mr. Weissich from you. He took me to see the Honolulu Hibiscus Garden which is so new that it is not yet open to the public; he also took me to the best hibiscus nursery, and I am ordering some cuttings from it.

Mr. Rutledge and other friends tell me that the meeting at Cypress Gardens was very enjoyable. I am sorry that I missed it. I also missed another meeting of the Tampa Bay Chapter.

I am waiting impatiently for the Nomenclature Supplement because I want to see if it lists any of the striking hibiscus that I encountered in Hawaii. I know that it was a stupendous task to compile the data and get it in form. You have been a wonderful worker, and I feel that you are largely responsible for the Society's growth.

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Dear Mr. Thompson:

My humble apologies for neglecting so long the many courtesies extended to me and our Society. I am struggling to keep our Society in existence. Since it's organization in 1953, the interest in hibiscus has faded and it was a continual struggle to keep it going. With our Hibiscus Garden a reality, I am very optimistic for the future.

We have Mr. Paul Weissich and the Board of Parks

and Recreation to thank, in establishing the Garden. With time and experience, we should be able to have an interesting hibiscus garden. I would like to thank you for your contribution towards this Garden. A section is allotted to your varieties and we do so hope that it can be kept up to date. Yours there now are very interesting. The growth habits are exceedingly vigorous, compared to our varieties and the flowers are also interesting. We have the ideal climate for hibiscus culture in Hawaii and we do have large and colorful flowers, but the growth habits do not compare to your varieties.

We are grateful for your contributions and I do hope that you see fit to call on us for help, when you are ready with your garden.

Mr. Paul Weissich referred your request for scion wood to me. At our May meeting, Capt. Jones volunteered to collect and ship to you. I am also sending you from my collection, some of my latest hybrids and I do hope that they are successful.

Arthur Nagao
President, Hawaiian Hibiscus Society
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Waimanalo, Oahu, T. H.

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Dear Mr. Nagao:

Your letter caught me when I had some spare time, so I will answer now. It was good to hear from you and I believe that there is a lot to be gained by closer collaboration with you in our 50th State. We will always admit that our work with hibiscus is based on the wonderful work done in Hawaii.

Referring to your remarks about your Society, we found our Society in the same condition at one time.